

With school back in session and the weather cooling down, it's officially fall in Tempe!

This issue of Connecting Tempe is filled with lots of fabulous opportunities to spend quality time with friends and family enjoying the great outdoors! From youth sports and boating programs to festivals and events, we've got something for every member of the family.

MOVIES IN THE PARK

Spend your evenings catching a flick in the park! We're giving families four great reasons to skip the theater and head to Kiwanis Park, Baseline Rd. and Ash Ave.

[Movies in the Park](#), Tempe's family-friendly movie series returns Friday evenings in October.

Bring the kids, a blanket and a picnic dinner to watch the following films on one of the largest inflatable screens in Arizona. Each movie begins at dusk (approximately 6 p.m.) on the [Kiwanis Park north soccer fields](#).



Oct. 7	Inside Out	PG
Oct. 14	The Good Dinosaur	PG
Oct. 21	Angry Birds	PG
Oct. 28	Monsters University	G

The free movie series is presented by the City of Tempe and the [Tempe Diablos](#). The [Kyrene South Rotary Club](#) operates a concession stand where you may purchase great snacks at reasonable prices.

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?



A new football field promises to change the way children play in [Escalante Park](#). The idea built by the voice of a neighborhood has been realized thanks to the help of a \$100,000 grant from the NFL Foundation/LISC Grassroots Program. The Escalante Park renovations, which included a new football field, are complete and a community celebration was held on Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2016.

Mayor Mark Mitchell led the official ribbon cutting ceremony. Arizona Cardinals Defensive Tackle Corey Peters and mascot Big Red joined the celebration.

The NFL Foundation and the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) granted the request from Thew Elementary School, which is adjacent to Escalante Park, for money to create a natural turf, full-size, lighted football field for the school's physical education programs and for city and community football and soccer programs.

The football field is a vital component in the list of improvements made to the 10-acre Escalante Park. Additional amenities include a sand volleyball court, a walk and jog path featuring stationary exercise equipment, refreshed ramadas and field lights.



The playground renovations will begin later this month. New play equipment and features, including a rubberized surface, will be added.

The Youth Sports division relocated the City's Flag Football program to the new field. The fall leagues began the week on Sept. 19, but space is still available for boys and girls in Kindergarten through 8th Grades. Please visit www.Tempe.gov/Brochure for specific program dates and times.

CELEBRATE AT TEMPE'S TARDEADA

Celebrate Tempe's Hispanic heritage at the City's 18th annual [Tempe Tardeada](#) from noon to 8 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 2 at the Tempe Community Complex, 3500 S. Rural Rd.

Tempe Tardeada is a highlight of Hispanic Heritage Month, designed to recognize the Hispanic historical roots of Tempe and celebrate Hispanic culture.

The event features many free activities such as live entertainment, dancing, arts and crafts, face painting, inflatables, The Game Truck and the Tempe History Museum's Family Albums exhibit. Additionally, food vendors sell delicious foods at family-friendly prices.



KIDS SWIM FREE



Stay cool this fall and go swimming. The successful Kids Swim Free program returns to the Kiwanis Recreation Center (KRC), located at 6111 S. All-America Way in Tempe. Bring your family and enjoy the calm waters of the Kiwanis Pool from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

On Monday, Oct. 3, a second session will be added to the program. The evening swim sessions runs from 5–8 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

The Kids Swim Free promotion allows two children, 7-years-old and younger, free admission to the pool with each paid adult admission. Admission for ages 13 years and older is \$4. Admission for additional children ages 2 to 12-years-old is \$3. The Kids Swim Free promotion is valid through Thursday, Dec. 15, 2016. For more information, visit www.Tempe.gov/Kiwanis or call 480-350-5201.

NATIONAL LIBRARY CARD MONTH

September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month and the [Tempe Public Library](http://www.tempe.gov/library) wants to make sure that every student has the most important school supply of all – a free library card.

Your library card grants you access to books, materials, programs and events that support academic achievement. It also provides free access to high-speed internet, digital tools and the opportunity to work with professionals to learn how to use them.

Stop by the library and sign up for a free library card this month. You'll be entered into a raffle for a gourmet pasta basket donated by our friends at [DeCio Pasta](http://www.deciopasta.com)!



PERFORMANCES AT THE MUSEUM

The 2016-17 Performances at the Museum series: *A Season of American Roots Music* is comprised of some very talented and entertaining guests. The family-friendly shows are always free at the [Tempe History Museum](http://www.tempehistorymuseum.org).

[Echo Canyon Chamber Ensemble](http://www.echo-canyon-chamber-ensemble.com) kicks the series off on Friday, Sept. 30. These young professional musicians excite and engage audiences while reinforcing classical music as a living, relatable art form. In honor of the Museum's Legend City exhibit, this program will feature a mix of bright, modern "classical" pieces with some music you might have heard at a theme park like Arizona's own *Legend City*.



October Performances feature [Tetra String Quartet](http://www.tetrastringquartet.com) – silent film: *The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari* on Friday, Oct. 21 and *Bear Ghost* on Friday, Oct. 28.

For a complete list of series performances and show times, visit www.Tempe.gov/Museum

LEGEND CITY

For the past 10 months, the [Tempe History Museum](http://www.TempeHistoryMuseum) has been dedicated to telling the story of Arizona's very own theme park, Legend City. Guests have been able to relieve childhood memories and make new ones at this exhibit filled with hundreds of souvenirs, photos and memorabilia.

Call your friends, round up the family and head over to the museum to experience [Legend City](http://www.TempeHistoryMuseum) one last time before the exhibit closes on Sunday, Oct. 2.

Explore the recreated Dutchman's Shack – the park's famous tilt house, check out one of the gondolas from the Skyride, a car from the Horseless Carriage ride, costumes from Wallace & Ladmo shows, or stare into the eyes of Kurley Q, the ventriloquist dummy used by Legend City performer and Miss America 1965, Vonda Kay Van Dyke.

Admission is free. For more information and to see a video about the exhibit, visit www.Tempe.gov/Museum.



VIP BOOK TALKS



The inaugural VIP Book Talk led by Tempe City Councilmember Kolby Granville was a success. The group participated in a compelling discussion about the sci-fi classic *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep*, by Philip K. Dick.

The series will continue at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 8 with ASU University College Office Dean and Professor Duane Roen. Held in the Tempe Public Library's Connections Café, this free event will spark discussion

about the Greek tragedy *Antigone*. Books are available for check-out at the Tempe Public Library.

For more information and to reserve your seat and download the discussion guide, visit www.Tempe.gov/LibraryEvents.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the third VIP Book Talk on Saturday, Nov. 12 with author and Arizona Book Award Winner Donis Casey.

FOUR PEAKS OKTOBERFEST

The Four Peaks Oktoberfest is headed back to Tempe Beach Park at Town Lake Friday – Sunday, Oct. 7-9. The 44th year of the event is not to be missed. Festival organizers aim to provide an authentic experience this year by providing a variety of Four Peaks and German style beers on tap, great tasting food, incredible musical performers, Landings Credit Union Kinderfest and much more.

General admission is \$7 presale or \$10 at the gate. Children ages 12 and under are free. 3-day tickets and VIP Packages are also available. Proceeds benefit Tempe Sister Cities, which helps to provide international exchange programs to cities all over the world for students, educators and professionals. For additional information and to purchase tickets, visit www.TempeOktoberFest.com for more information and event details.



GET YOUR GLOW ON!

Join us for the wildest and brightest paddles on Tempe Town Lake from 7-9 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 14.

No experience is necessary. We supply all of the equipment and glow accessories. Just be sure to wear something you don't mind getting wet and bring a towel.

The paddle is open for ages 10 years and older. Youth ages 10-17 years must be accompanied by an adult. Fee is \$20 for youth ages 10-17 and \$35 for 18+. Visit www.Tempe.gov/FamilyFun for more information.



TAKE A BOOK, LEAVE A BOOK



Tempe's Neighborhood Library Rebate Program aims to extend access to reading materials across the City, by encouraging residents to build and place roadside boxes to fill with books of all kinds in their neighborhoods.

The City is offering rebates to participating homeowners and non-profit organizations for the cost expended of purchasing, building, installing and registering a Neighborhood Library up to \$300. Participants are responsible for stocking their own libraries, which must remain in place for a minimum of five years.

For more information about how to get started, visit www.Tempe.gov/NeighborhoodLibraries.



FALL INTO FUN

It's the perfect time of year to try a new activity, re-visit an old hobby, start a fitness routine or spend time with friends and loved ones through a multitude of classes, programs and events offered during the Community Services Department's fall programming session.

The Tempe Opportunities brochure is filled with quality programs for all ages and abilities at convenient times, locations and affordable prices. You can pick one up at a City of Tempe facility or view it online at www.Tempe.gov/Brochure.

Course topics include: Adapted Recreation; Aquatics; Arts and Crafts; Boating; Books and Reading; Business and Computers; Dance, Music and Theater; Family Activities; Health and Fitness; Special Interest; Sports and more.

Each session, Tempe offers hundreds of classes and programs for all ages and stages to enjoy and this fall is no different. From rowing, tai-chi and tennis to technology classes and cooking demonstrations, we have an opportunity for you to get active, growing and having fun!



To receive up-to-date information about exciting events and opportunities happening between Connecting Tempe newsletters, become a fan of Tempe Opportunities on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/TempeOpportunities).

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, Sept. 30
Echo Canyon Chamber Ensemble Performance at the Tempe History Museum
7 p.m.; [Tempe History Museum](http://www.tempehistorymuseum.org)

Sunday, Oct. 2
[Tempe Tardeada](#) – Celebration of Hispanic Heritage
Noon – 8 p.m.; Tempe Community Complex
3500 S. Rural Rd.

Friday - Sunday, Oct. 7-9
[44th Annual Four Peaks Oktoberfest](#)
Times vary; Tempe Beach Park

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6 p.m.; [Kiwanis Park](http://www.kiwanis.org)

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6 p.m.; [Kiwanis Park](http://www.kiwanis.org)

Friday, Oct. 14
Glow Paddles
7 p.m.; [SRP Town Lake Marina](http://www.srp.gov)

Thursday, Oct. 20
Book Hype
4 p.m.; [Tempe Public Library](http://www.tempepubliclibrary.org)

Friday, Oct. 21
Movies in the Park – Angry Birds PG
6 p.m.; [Kiwanis Park](http://www.kiwanis.org)



PLAY LEARN LIVE GROW

www.tempe.gov/recreation